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Dear Mr. Moody:

The Port of Seattle has been acquiring ^{noise impacted} land north and south of Sea Tac International Airport to provide extended clear zones, approach surfaces, or "safety areas."

The FAA has set density guidelines for areas within the clear zones north of Sea Tac where a regional park plan has been developed. "While these densities are not regulations which require strict adhering, the figures do represent safe, sensible numbers of people to allow in clear zones. If an airline mishap should occur, an even greater tragedy could be averted by following these guidelines." (FAA)

It is my understanding that there are also "Land Use Compatibility Guidelines for Aircraft Noise Environments." What are such guidelines and are they only that - guidelines NOT regulations?

Does a park really fit into the noise and safety guidelines? What judgement must be followed to make or break this park plan? Or should state legislation put teeth in to the guidelines & make them regulations?

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